

Sheffield 12. June 1781

Dear Sir,

During the present Session of the

General Court a memorial will be presented on the subject of the removal of ~~Fellows~~ our late Sheriff from his Office. His character is too well known to you to require a delineation from me. The causes which operated to his removal are likewise well known, as also the violence and indeed virtuous of partyrage amongst. A number of affidavits have been surely taken. I know not their contents, but by report, however I believe the coloring must exceed what a strict regard to Truth will justify.

In the memorial the character of ~~Fellows~~ the Sheriff is treated with great delicacy, any retrospect in that regard might, it was thought, tend to revive ancient animosity; he however was the leader of the People who prevented the sitting of the Superior Court here in 1779. — I am not particularly acquainted with him, but can't think the appointing a man, (if simply considered,) to uphold and preserve Government, who

who for years has exerted himself in Opposition to it,
can reflect much Honor on those who appointed him.
but when this appointment removes a man whose
character is unquestionable, who has exerted himself on
every Occasion for the support of the cause of his Country,
who has done and suffered much in this cause, such
an Appointment under such circumstances has produced
great Chagrin and uneasiness. I wish for nothing more
than Justice, I am too well acquainted with your feelings
not to know that you warmly resent Insult offered to
men so conspicuous as that of Fellow. I am convinced
that nothing will create in you more disagreeable sensations,
than those actions which may be construed as Evidence
of ingratitude to the faithful Servants of the public. —

A Petition will be presented this Afternoon
signed by my friend L — Grant & Mrs. Hopkins, the
latter of those Gentlemen is a very worthy man, he
has desired me to recommend it to the Patronage of some
Gentlemen at the Genl. Court who is capable of giving
it assistance — you will confer an high Obligation
on me, (if you think the contents worthy attention) by
giving

aid to a favorable answer to its Prayer.

With every respectful Comptd to W^m Lowley,

I am Dear Sir,

With much Truth & Sincerity,

Your most Obedt & most humbl Servt

Theodore Dwight

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